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PASS THE BRICKS PLEASE

Old "Opportunity" seems to have a special love for Liberal.

In the case of most towns Opportunity has to be lariat and hog-tied before he functions, but with Liberal it is different. Opportunity knocks at our door and if we do not answer he secured a paving brick and proceeds to batter it down and come in and get busy.

Is not this true in the case of oil development?

Liberal never took much stock in the theory that there was oil in this territory. Liberal could have drilled a well, and found out, but Liberal didn't. But Old Opportunity was on the job for Liberal and the American Fuel Oil & Transportation Company drilled an oil well—found a flow of gas approximately ten million cubic feet per day, enough gas to heat all the homes and business houses in the city.

Liberal went wild for a few weeks then forgot. The gas was found in July and still there is no prospect of getting this gas piped to town for heating purposes. We still carry out ashes and carrying in coal while

our wives are fighting dust.

It is up to opportunity to sneak in during the night and pipe this gas to Liberal or we may never have the benefit of it. Instead of taking him by the hand when gas was found and co-operating with him we seem to be waiting for him to go out and rustle ditch-diggers and pipe-fitters and see to all the little details. Damifittaint asking a lot of the old fellow.

But he will provide a way and sometime and Liberal will have natural gas to burn instead of coal.

Then opportunity knocked again. This time it was a new railroad. Cautiously the door was opened and the old fellow invited in, but that invitation was the end. However, he was not to be insulted, and at this time it looks like the railroad was coming in spite of everything. Byers is building the grade, has the ties and rails on the way, the farmers of Oklahoma are going the limit in helping, town-sites have been platted and everything looks favorable for an early completion of the road.

But Liberal is no more excited about that new railroad than she is about the gas.

Now check up this railroad proposition and gas proposition to some of the other towns in this section of the country, and there'll probably be a mass meeting every other night until both are cinched, but Liberal is apparently sleeping with old Opportunity standing at her door with both propositions.

It is possible that this town imagines she is no favorably located that all good things are going to come without bidding, but we think it is a mistaken notion. Every man in town should have his coat off right now working to get that railroad finished and get that gas piped to Liberal. These will prove big factors in the development of the town, and we need them right now.

Let's embrace opportunity while we have the chance. He may get busy for some other town if we snub him.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO BEGIN

O. P. Byers is making a frantic endeavor to build the Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad by the first of the year. He is leaving no stone unturned to have the work completed in the required length of time. We are told that the farmers in Oklahoma are coming to life and getting back of the project in a manner highly commendable.

What is Liberal doing?

Liberal has not done a whole lot lately. When the road was first started Liberal was busy but it seems to have lost interest at this time.

It is possible that the suit between the company and the city has thrown a damper on the proposition, but there is no reason for this condition to exist.

While it is no doubt true that the failure to get the city bonds was a handicap in the building of the road, this should not be allowed to interfere seriously in getting the road.

One of the first acts of the Liberal Chamber of Commerce should be a meeting to get together and build the Kansas & Oklahoma into Liberal. Byers is doing everything possible to hasten the completion of the road and we believe he should have a little more encouragement that has been forthcoming.

Let the legal side of the case proceed, but let Liberal get busy and

hasten the building of this road.

The newly elected officers of the Chamber of Commerce can find nothing better to work on at this time than the Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad proposition.

Let's get that road, and that right away.

A GOOD ONE

Whether or not they knew it, the members of the Liberal Chamber of Commerce took the advice of the Democrat when it said last night that care should be used in the selection of officers and directors, and that men especially fitted for the place should be chosen.

Had we set down and picked a bunch ourselves, it is doubtful if we could have selected a better balanced or more qualified bunch than was done in open meeting last night.

We have no desire to throw bouquets, but it is only fair to say that the fellows chosen are business men of the highest class. Every one of them are capable of handling the big problems which will come to Liberal with the expansion of the territory and the growth in importance of the town.

The meeting did well last night, and we are of the opinion that the good work of the past will be exemplified in the year to come.

We're for them in everything they start for the advancement of Liberal and her trade territory.

OIL NOTES OVER THE SOUTH-WEST

Gate, Oklahoma

The well at this point has a good showing of gas and oil. Casing set at 3180 feet and well in good shape. Conditions are complied with.

to bring in a well when certain con-

Higgins, Texas

Work resumed at this well, money having been secured to carry the drill five hundred feet deeper.

Gage, Oklahoma

Chicago-Oklahoma set 8 inch casing at 400 feet and drilling going on. Utilities No. 1 drilling in good structure.

Buffalo, Oklahoma

Good work being done on this test.

Woodward County

Enid Standard Oil 15 miles northeast, have the working force on the ground and will begin drilling in a few days.

Rhodes Oil Syndicate

Negotiations nearly completed which will place this block in the hands of a strong company. Mr. Rhodes and Swartz still absent in Eastern Oklahoma.

Cheyenne, Oklahoma

A big well reported near Cheyenne. No particulars received.

Route 2--Tyrone

Clyde Carpenter and family spent Sunday at the Virgil Akers home in Tyrone.

George Shaffer and wife went to Liberal Sunday afternoon to take Mrs. Shaffer's niece and twin babies who have been visiting at the Shaffer home.

The E. A. Stroup family spent Sunday afternoon at John Harrison's.

Mr. Akers was quite sick last Saturday night with heart trouble. Dr. Akers of Hooker, was called. He is able to be out again at this time.

This is bad weather for the school trucks. Some are able to make only part of their routes on account of the roads.

O. P. and W. Bookless butchered hogs Tuesday.

Crescent Ladies Aid will give a fishing party and oyster supper on Friday evening, Dec. 17th. Everyone come and catch some fish and eat soup.

Co. Supt. Martin and Co. Agent Hisey visited our school last week and spent two evenings here in the interest of the farm bureau.

C. A. Newman threshed his row crop last week.

Mrs. Dave Ireland spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. C. A. Newman. W. W. Wells, Don Delaney and W. V. Hastings are Hutchinson business men who are in the city looking after business matters.

Mrs. S. T. Jarrell and daughter, Mrs. Otis Sims, are quite sick at the present writing.

Miss Rita Warren and Ellen Claggett motored to Liberal last Saturday, to have dental work done.

The drug store has its windows dressed up in pretty Christmas attire. The Golden Rule store also has a nice display.

Alpha Ward and wife and baby returned last Saturday from Bethany, Missouri, where they have been visiting the past two months with Mr. Ward's parents. They report a fine trip.

Jay Blake will have charge of the movies while Mr. Mortimer is away.

Now is the time to pay the first half of your 1920 taxes.

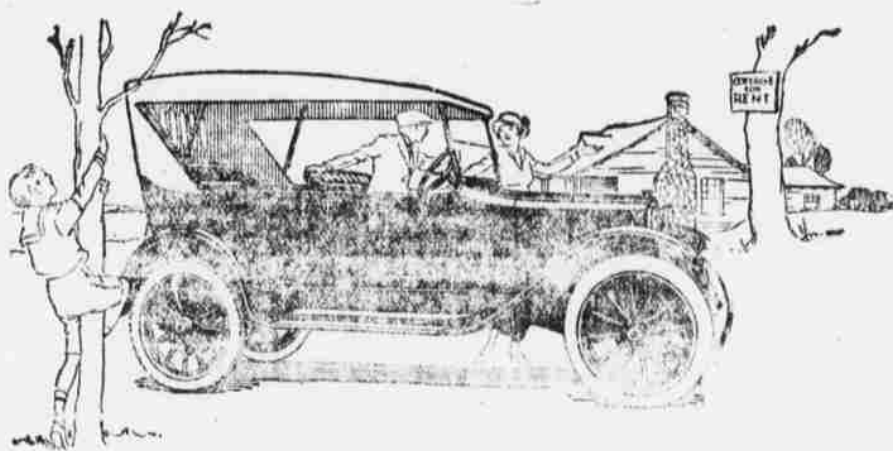
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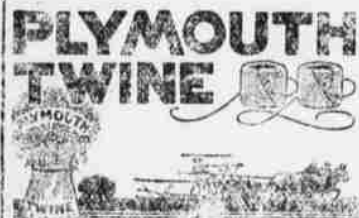
JOHN GREGORY LOST
HOME BY FIRE LAST NIGHT

The home of John Gregory who lived south of Sunnyside, was entirely consumed by fire last night at about 7 o'clock. No one was in the house at the time. Mrs. Gregory and the children were out of town and Mr. Gregory, after starting a fire, went to a neighbors. The blaze is sup-

posed to have started in the flue. When discovered it was well under way. The fire department could not have saved it as it was more than 1000 feet from the water mains. The contents were also lost except a dresser. The building was entirely covered by insurance. Mr. Gregory had recently built the house which was a nice five-room building.

LITTLE GIRL BITTEN
IN FACE BY KITTEN

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whitlock of Penn. ave., was taken to Kansas City Sunday morning for pasteur treatment. She was bitten in the face and neck by a kitten Thursday and the animal later died in a fit. Physicians advised the child be given the pasteur treatment.

In Preparation for
Harvest

Binder Twine becomes an urgent need to be provided for. Of course you want good twine that you can safely depend upon to take you through harvesting without hitch or kink. Most farmers in this locality will use

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